

Career Information for Religious Studies Majors

OSU CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESOURCES

<https://career.oregonstate.edu/>

- Handshake Accounts
- Career Events- Get a Dam Job Series
- Career & Major Exploration
- Assistance with Job and Internship Searches
- Resume and Cover Letter Preparation
- Interview Skills
- Graduate School Information
- Alumni/ Employer Connections
- Resume Reviews with VMock

USEFUL JOB/INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

- O*NET
- Handshake
- Buzzfile
- LinkedIn (OSU Alumni)
- Internships.com
- Glassdoor.com
- Indeed.com
- USAjobs.gov
- www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oregon

SKILLS DEVELOPED IN MAJOR

- Communication
- Teamwork and Cooperation
- Initiative and Creativity
- Research / Synthesize Data
- Absorb and Retain Complex Information
- Logical Thinking
- Evaluation
- Intercontinental Competence
- Sensitivity to Cultures and Beliefs
- Curiosity for People and Cultures
- Persuasion and Negotiation

HOT JOBS FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJORS

- Personal Financial Advisor
- Law/ Law Enforcement
- Counselor/ Psychiatrist/ Therapist

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HOT JOBS FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJORS (CONT.)

- Alumni Relations/ Director Of Giving
- Bereavement Coordinator
- Biomedical / Business Ethics Researcher
- Government Agencies
- Campus Ministry
- Writer
- Community Activist/ Organizer
- Non-Profit Management
- Fundraising
- Hospital/ Hospice Administration
- Human Resources
- Lobbyist/ Advocacy
- Health Professional
- Teacher

SAMPLE OF GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS

- Theology
- Counseling
- Religious Studies/ Bible Studies
- Buddhist Studies
- Comparative Religions
- Spirituality
- Inter-religious Relations
- Science and Religion
- Health and Wellbeing
- Cultural Heritage
- Religious Art
- Medicine
- Law (J.B.)
- Psychology of Religion
- Education



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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Virtually every type of career and industry has Professional Associations that host events and conferences, produce statistics and reports, write best practices and newsletters, announce job openings, and serve as a connector for their many professional members. As a student, you may be able to get a reduced (or free) membership rate and qualify for scholarships.

Here are some Professional Associations that Religious Studies Majors may want to check out:

- **American Academy of Religion:** <https://www.aarweb.org/>
- **National Study of Youth and Religion:** <https://youthandreligion.nd.edu/>
- **North American Association for the Study of Religion:** <https://naasr.com/>
- **Religious Education Association:** <https://religiouseducation.net/>
- **Religious Research Association:** <http://www.rraweb.org/>
- **Society for the Scientific Study of Religion:** <https://sssreligion.org/>
- **Association for the Sociology of Religion:** <https://www.sociologyofreligion.com/>
- **International Association for the History of Religions:** <https://www.iahrweb.org/>
- **Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture:** <http://www.asrec.org/>

MAKING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Creating and growing connections is crucial when it comes to finding internships and jobs. While you need to bring your experience and knowledge to the table, it is true that most employees secure their jobs through the people they know. Ask your faculty, advisors, and Career Development Career staff to help you find professionals in your fields of interest and start seeking out ways to expand your network.

Below are some tips that will help you start finding and nurturing valuable connections:

- **Conduct Informational Interviews-** Seek out OSU Alumni or other professionals to ask for a half hour meeting. Ask them questions about their jobs, careers, industry experience, etc.
- **LinkedIn-** A complete profile is a must-have for any college student to connect with a professional community and gain industry news and knowledge.
- **Online Presence-** Create a polished, professional online presence through various social media outlets.
- **Attend-** OSU career fairs, career panels, employer events, workshops, and career treks